

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2-4, 7-12, 14 and 16-21 are amended.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over USP 6,049,718 to Stewart (hereinafter "Stewart") in view of US 2003/0036389 A1 to Yen (hereinafter "Yen"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action recognizes that Stewart does not disclose a storage unit for correlating and storing location information and data. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assertion that Yen provides the deficiencies of Stewart. Specifically, claim 1 recites an information notification unit for notifying a user of the portable information terminal of information derived from the extracted data. As asserted in the Office Action, Yen is directed to a wireless system in which the wireless terminals store location information and parameter information. However, the parameter information disclosed in Yen is not the type of information that would be output to a user. In fact, Yen does not disclose outputting this information to a user as in the invention of claim 1. For example, parameter information may be a digital control channel (DCCH), paragraph 32, lines 1 and 2. In paragraph 40, the parameter is mobile switching center identification (MSCID). Thus, the parameters do not relate to information that would be provided to a user. Thus, Stewart and Yen would not be combined to provide the features of the invention.

With respect to independent claims 4, 14, 17 and 20 as well as dependent claim 2, neither Stewart nor Yen disclose the user input unit for a user of the portable information terminal to instruct the storage unit to store data. Instead, Yen discloses a controller which instructs to store location information.

With respect to claim 5, neither Stewart nor Yen disclose the features of independent claims 5, 15, 18 and 21. The invention of claims 5, 15, 18 and 21 include first and second units to prompt a user to select data. Neither Stewart nor Yen disclose this feature.

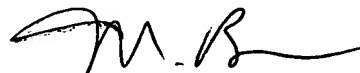
Furthermore, the independent claims recite a storage unit for correlating and storing data and location information selected by the user. None of the cited references correlates information selected by the user. Instead, Stewart discloses a centralized base station 17 with a caller ID database 22 containing data correlating phone numbers of fixed telephones in a given geographic region with geographic locations. In Yen, parameters are correlated with locations. However, neither the data nor the location information is selected by the user.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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